GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3641
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004
RATE OF INTEREST ON EPF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of interest on the Employees Provident Fund has been cut by 1 percent recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the new rate is interim;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of EPF Organisations arrears outstanding till date with the names of companies;

(f) the steps taken by the Government for the recovery of arrears;

(g) whether the EPF Board requested the Government to increase the interest for its Special Deposit Scheme where nearly 75 percent of the EPF corpus is invested; and

(h) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (d): Central Board of Trustees, EPF in its 169th meeting held on 9.8.2004 has recommended an interim Rate of Interest @ 8.5% to be credited to EPF member`s accounts for the year 2004-05 after considering all relevant facts.

(e): As on 31.3.2004, an amount of Rs.1862.80 crore was outstanding from the defaulting establishments. The region-wise number of establishments with default of Rs.10 lakhs and above is given in the Annexure.

(f): Whenever any default is detected, action is taken under Section 7A, 8F, 8B to 8G, 14(1)(A), 14(1)(B) and 7Q of the Employees` Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, as well as under Section 406/409 of IPC and under Section 110 of CrPC.

(g): Yes, Sir.
(h): The recommendations of the CBT, EPF have been taken up with the Ministry of Finance.

Annexure referred to in part (e) of Unstarred Question no.3641 to be answered on 23.8.04.

DETAILS OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH DEFAULT OF RS. 10 LAKHS AND ABOVE.

Sl.No.	Name of the Region	Number of Defaulting Estt.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	111
2.	Bihar	27
3.	Chattisgarh	5
4.	Delhi	33
5.	Goa	3
6.	Gujarat	93

7 Haryana 28

8. Himachal Pradesh 5

9. Jharkhand 20
10. Karnataka 77
11. Kerala 127
12. Madhya Pradesh 80
13. Maharashtra 226
14. North East Region 34
15. Orissa 86
16. Punjab 45
17. Rajasthan 35
18. Tamil Nadu 204
19. Uttar Pradesh 151
20. Uttaranchal 34
21. West Bengal 144

Total 1568